



Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, AND into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, AND bless his name.

—PSALM 100:4.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.—PHILIPPIANS 4:6.

Thanksgiving

By Jacob Frautschi

In fear and trembling, your land and mine is preparing for a holiday

The railways and highways will be crowded with rushing people who plan to spend the day with loved ones. This hurry and rush has brought a situation that cannot be overlooked. The toll of death and injured is so great that the authorities plead!!! DO BE MORE CAREFUL. Must we give up a day of gladness and joy because of carelessness?

A treasured verse reads—Be careful for everything. In prayer and thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Again, from the Atlantic to the Pacific the faithful are giving thanks for the abundant harvest. Truly some spots have not produced as in former years, but the total harvest is more than we can use.

So we will continue to send much to the hungry of other lands. Praise the Lord! The Pilgrim fathers started a giving of thanks not for any immense harvest, but for a few measures of grain, enough to seed the fields again in the spring. They had only woods, rivers, faith, and freedom. Most of them left Europe because of bondage and persecution.

What we have today was made of sweat, blood, faith, and God's blessings. So humbly we give thanks to God, for it is good to praise Him.

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THE FRUIT OF THE SEASON

Robert Norr

Thanksgiving Day for you and me is kept as a thanksgiving for the mercies of the year, on the last Thursday of November; it actually is a harvest thanksgiving and owes its origin to the Pilgrim Fathers, who

TREASURED VERSES

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; AND cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

THEN shall the earth yield her increase; AND God, EVEN our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

—PSALM 67

first set apart a day in America for that purpose at Plymouth (1621).

As thoughts of Thanksgiving Day come to mind, let us reserve it for a day of prayer. Out on the troubled sea of life we may have encountered

many a storm that might have been discouraging, sickness, bereavements, financial losses, misunderstanding, or whatever may have taxed our strength to the utmost. But now, as we approach the end of a year, let's count our blessings, let's name them one by one, and see what God hath done. A verse penned by the Psalmist concerning Israel when he said, "He hath not dealt so with any nation," certainly is appropriate to our own beloved country.

I wish to repeat a thought that made a deep impression in my heart and mind as I read it. Thanksgiving should not be confined to certain seasons of the year, but rather we should be habitual in our praise. "In every thing give thanks" is the exhortation of the inspired apostle to the Thessalonian Church. The writer to the Hebrews states, "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually,—giving thanks to his name." The thankful Christian is the joyful Christian. Habitual thanks giving will clear the skies of clouds of despair or will place rainbows of hope on the clouds of the breaking storm. Continual praise will open channels of power from God to enable us to be victorious in the conflict and successful in service.

THANKSGIVING

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Now let us make it a glorious season by bringing forth the fruits of the

Spirit which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Gal. 5:22, 23. May this love abound more and more season after season in knowledge, and in all judgment being filled with the fruit of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

As we consider the importance of our spiritual life, we must be attentive as Solomon said, "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors." Prov. 8:34. Happy is everyone who hears, watches, and waits on the Lord.

God has to try man many times and in many ways before he can become a determined Christian warrior. We are as the oak tree which must go through long summers and fierce winters. It has to endure all the frost and snow and storm before it is full grown. So we also must go through much tribulation to enter into the kingdom of God. If we could only have the faith and determination as Paul had, when he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Let us consider the greatest of Christian virtues, love. As we cultivated and cared for the natural fruits through the past season, let us cultivate this love, planted in our hearts by God who is love. As this, the greatest thing in the world, grows in our heart, we can see this spiritual fruit ripening and soon can be enjoyed by many. It creates patience, kindness, courtesy, unselfishness, sincerity, and many other virtues.

We like to give something to those we love. We like to give presents unto them. What can we give Jesus to show our love to Him? He has everything, all the silver, gold and precious things on earth are His. He tells us, "My son, give me thine heart."

The Apostle Peter has another beautiful thought to add to this when he says, "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither

be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In conclusion shall we all learn this beautiful poem:

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

"To let no thought go unexpressed
That might give some a pleasure;
To say no word I might regret
In later hours of leisure;
To do the kindly, little deeds
That make life worth the living;
To overlook another's faults
Nor fail to be forgiving;
To strive to leave each task well done
And make a joy of duty;
Unceasingly give thanks to God
For life and love and beauty;
To honor God and, loving Him,
Love as myself, my neighbor
This is the task of perfect love—
The goal toward which to labor."

—Robert Norr.

CORRECTION

on article "Salvation" by Philip Gutwein, Jr., October Issue

Cont. 19, first column on page 3, fourth line from bottom, the word "hesitates" should be "hesitated." Satan hesitated not to tempt the very one who himself is the TRUTH, (Christ).

At the top of the second column, a line was left out:
It should read:

But when Satan quotes Scripture, he mixes a doubt or a lie with it, as in the case of Eve, or he suggests it for mis-application in a wrong situation, as in the case of the Lord Jesus. Here is where the SPIRIT of TRUTH, as the second witness to the TRUTH, confirms or . . .

In the middle of the column, page 7, the word "to" was left out of the following sentence: Only that which is of the Holy Spirit is "OF GOD," is acceptable "TO GOD" and is to the GLORY OF CHRIST, and OF GOD.

Thanksgiving

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His mercy is everlasting to those who seek Him. We thank Him for His plan of salvation and we pray we might become more worthy of it. When we count our many blessings, when we name them one by one, then our hearts are filled with deep gratitude and love to the Giver of all perfect gifts. Amen.

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THE GREAT GIVER

The giver of every good and every perfect gift is our God and heavenly Father. His goodness knows no bounds. His blessings are without number. His mercy endures forever. "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." True, the gifts do not seem always to be evenly distributed. Riches and poverty walk side by side. Some have much, others exceedingly little. Yet a few things, blessed by God, bring joy and happiness, while many and great gifts without His benediction leave people miserable at heart.

How thoughtless we often are and how lacking in thankfulness! Living in a land of abundance, we nevertheless frequently forget to lift our eyes and wait on the Lord. We do not recognize Him as the source of every blessing.

As we enjoy the many and great blessings bestowed upon us by the Giver of all good gifts, let us not fail, even for a day, with thankful hearts to repeat and meditate upon the precious words, "The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." Selected

SALVATION (CONT. 20)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my Name . . . they shall take up Serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." (Mark 16:17-18)

I have before me a clipping from a recent issue of TIME Magazine describing a "religious service" in which a certain southern preacher quoting the above passage of Scripture, holds in his hands, as shown by a photographic picture, two giant rattle snakes, crying that he "got the power now—he got the 'nointing." Such use of poisonous reptiles are by no means isolated occurrences in the south. The Chicago Tribune reports, under date of October 17, a court trial resulting from such a "service," which in some states are unlawful. The TIME article also reports that one of the worshippers at that "service" had faith in the power of the Lord great enough to "drink a deadly thing." He died of strychnine poisoning. His wife, standing beside the grave, said: "Ernest just had too much faith."

You say such an idea of a "religious service" is fanatical and ridiculous, and perhaps it is. But how do we know? The southern preacher "stands squarely" on scriptural grounds and he quotes the WORD OF GOD as a basis for his FAITH and fearlessness that he will remain unharmed. He will, no doubt, insist that his friend Ernest was hurt, because he had "too little faith," while the widow of the victim thinks he had "too much faith." Who is right? The Scripture involved here is in the New Testament at that and is a promise to—and a sign to follow them that believe.

There are other SIGNS enumerated as following the believer: they shall cast out devils,—speak with new tongues and heal the sick. A number of religious sects practice the "speaking with tongues" and "divine healing" as a prominent part of their program, while they may not undertake to "cast out devils" although there would be a large field for that,—nor would they think of treading on serpents and drinking poison without harm. Yet ALL of these SIGNS men-

tioned belong TOGETHER (and some more) and follow the believer or NONE of them will. Where one applies, the others likewise apply. We cannot elect to practice some and reject the other SIGNS. We have chosen for our purpose the extreme signs of serpents and poison, because they make the absolute necessity of "RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH" the more readily apparent, if we are to be established in the "PRESENT TRUTH" and "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, WILL of GOD" for the believer today.

Before we proceed in our endeavor to "rightly divide" this particular Word of Truth and make it an example of how to study to be approved of God and comparing Scripture with Scripture, let us remind ourselves of a few helpful truths about the Bible.

It is a good sized volume in which GOD HAS SPOKEN. Speech reveals the will, the thoughts, the purposes, etc., of the Speaker. This revelation of the things of God is a progressive one; He did not reveal everything at once. God spoke "at sundry times and in divers manners" and dispensations. God's Book covers things spread over thousands of years. In CHRIST did ALL THE FULLNESS of the GODHEAD DWELL (Col. 2:9), but even He while on earth did NOT REVEAL ALL, for He said: "I have yet MANY THINGS to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. The Spirit of Truth . . . shall hear . . . and . . . receive of MINE, and . . . shew you THINGS TO COME." (John 16:12). The Apostle Paul received further revelations of Jesus Christ of the GOSPEL HE PREACHED (Gal. 1:11-12): of the mystery of translation (I Cor. 15:51), of the mystery of Israel's present blindness in part (Rom. 11-25), and of the mystery of Christ "which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now REVEALED . . . by the Spirit," and "which from the beginning of the world hath been HID IN GOD." (Eph. 3:1-9). Lastly, caught up to the third heaven, he had an "abundance of REVELA-

TIONS" by "unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." (II Cor. 12:1-7). This points to an "abundance" of things even now still "hid in God" as mysteries yet to be revealed, many at the appearing of Christ in power and great glory. As examples may be mentioned Col. 3:3-4: "For ye are dead, and your LIFE IS HID with Christ IN GOD." And again in Rom. 8:18: ". . . sufferings . . . are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be REVEALED IN US."

A certain adjustment, therefore, on the part of God's servants in the light of NEW REVELATIONS, became necessary, and still is. He finds as Peter says concerning Paul's writings: "Some things hard to be understood, which they that are UNLEARNED and unstable (not established IN GRACE) wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction." (II Peter 3:16). "Snake services" and we may add "tongue services" and "healing services," however well meant, are the result of "WRESTED SCRIPTURES" by the unlearned. It means that certain Scriptures are forcefully pried loose out of their orderly setting and DISPENSATION, and are forced into a setting and a mould of man's ideas, which too often are foreign to "the PRESENT TRUTH" (II Pet. 1:12), and present a picture of confusion, and not of harmony. But "God is not the author of confusion." (I Cor. 14:33)

If a servant of the Lord, therefore, would be approved of God and unashamed, he must "study" and LEARN to "rightly divide the Word of TRUTH." And he must also be a servant of the Lord, and not of sin. A purged "vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work," avoiding "foolish and UNLEARNED questions" and the strife they gender (II Tim. 2:20-26), or else he may be "Ever LEARNING, and never able to come to the knowledge of the TRUTH." (II Tim. 3:7)

The sun is the light of day and the light of life for every living thing under the sun, but it takes a rainbow to display and bring out for observation its many hidden colors in a most

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Princeville, Illinois

Miss Lucille Raach and Ruth Ricketts spent the week-end of October 5 in Latty, Ohio, and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Alna Ricketts fell in her home October 4, fracturing her back. She will be confined to her bed for two months. She is getting along satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold have both recovered sufficiently from illness to be able to attend church services. We are happy for them and wish them continued improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eberle are the parents of a son born recently.

Mrs. Elizabeth Endress will move into her new home in Princeville soon.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baer of Elgin, Illinois, the Misses Elizabeth Kammerer, Ruth and Mary Aberle, and Mary Stohl of Peoria, Illinois, were visitors in our congregation, October 12.

Quite a number from our congregation spent October 26 at North Side Fairbury.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Streitmatter recently.

Lamont, Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. John Wernli, Mr. and Mrs. John Ott, and Samuel Anliker attended the funeral of Sam Miller at Burlington, Oklahoma, October 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young of Wichita, Kansas, visited the Lamont Church, October 12. Brother Young held services which we enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frieden and family of Lamar, Missouri, visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fankhauser, at Madison, the week-end of October 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Isch, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Emch, and Mrs. Mary Isch visited at Sabetha the week-end of September 28.

Bluffton, Indiana

New arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aeschliman's daughter, Monica Lou, born September 29, and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Gerber's daughter, Della May, born October 1.

Announcement was made Sunday, September 28, of the engagement of Josephine Gerber, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gerber, to Edward Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schwartz.

The engagement of Miss LaVera Geyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Geyer, to Mr. Homer Heyerly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heyerly, was announced Sunday, October 5.

Mr. John Steffen, was announced away Wednesday, October 8. Surviving are the wife, Lydia, seven sons, and four daughters. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon, October 10, by Rev. Henry Dotterer.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aschleman and Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Gerber spent Sunday, October 5, in Francesville, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. William Fiechter spent the week-end of October 5 in Alto, Michigan. They attended the funeral of Fred Wingerer.

Miss Katherine Schambach of Elgin, Illinois, spent a week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bechtold and several others from Fairbury, Illinois, visited us Sunday, October 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. John Kaehr, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyer spent the week-end of October 12 in Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keitel of Cissna Park, Illinois, and many from the Gridley, Illinois, congregation visited us Sunday, October 19.

Many visited our congregation Sunday, October 12, from Fairbury and Elgin, Illinois, and Remington, Indiana. These included Rev. and Mrs. Joe Kaisner from Fairbury and Rev. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus from Remington.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo. Beer and Mrs. Forrest Ritzman visited us Thursday evening, October 23.

Leo, Indiana

Rose and Diana Conrad are spending a delightful vacation at the Simon Bahler and Wm. J. Conrad development, a beautiful spot for all California visitors. This place is located above

Pasadena and Altadena in the foothills of the historical San Gabriel mountains. A group of small modern furnished homes are available for reservations at 3272 North Lake, Altadena, Calif.

Oct. 5, a group of eighteen young people from the Roanoke, Illinois, church visited the church here. They had Sunday dinner at the Elias Souder home.

Ruth and Marie Beery of Rittman, Ohio, visited with the J. J. Conrad family.

Our Young People's Meeting was held October 26 in the church auditorium. The Milford Sunday School Class was our guest and contributed a large part of the program. Guests from Bremen, Bluffton, Francesville, Morton, Roanoke, and Goodfield were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Getz and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schumacher of Morton, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Al Stoller of Gridley, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sorg of Eureka, Illinois; and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield, Illinois, visited with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Wm. J. Conrad of Altadena, California, is visiting here. He expects to return in a couple of weeks.

A wedding reception was held Sunday evening, November 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klopfenstein, Sr., in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klopfenstein, Jr., who are now living in their new home on the Leo Road.

Robert Reuter of Silvertown, Oregon, is visiting the Elias Winzeler family.

Bertha Norr was on our sick list but is better at the present time.

Maggie Schlatter is convalescing at her home. She recently underwent a major operation.

Matilda Bertsch is critically ill at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne at the present time. We wish both Maggie and Matilda a speedy recovery.

West Bend, Iowa

Sunday, October 12, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Fehr and Ruby Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kellenberger and Tommy of

Morris, Minnesota visited relatives here.

A daughter, Jeanne Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Banwart October 21.

Leona Banwart and Edith Grimm attended the Pfister-Miller wedding at Roanoke, Illinois, Sunday, October 26.

Lorene and Loretta Miller, Ben and Herman Baer, and Edith Stahl of Peoria, Illinois, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Grimm on Sunday, October 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schock and daughter of Elgin, Illinois, visited the Metzger families recently.

Lorane Grimm, who is now teaching at Britt, Iowa, went to Cedar Falls for Homecoming, October 25.

Remington, Indiana

The wedding of Lucille Getz, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz, to Raymond Steffen of Elgin, Illinois, took place at the church Sunday afternoon, October 5, in the presence of many relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Elder George Yergler. Rev. Guy Miller and family of Gridley, Illinois, and Rev. Herman Hueni and family of Bremen, Indiana, attended the wedding. Other guests from several congregations including Bremen, Francesville, Elgin, and Chicago were present.

Rev. Adam Gutwein and family and others from Francesville visited us Sunday, October 12.

This community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Julius Haggeman, age 53, at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana. Her death was due to a heart attack. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, two married daughters, six sons at home, her aged father, four sisters, and four brothers. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. A. Getz of Morton, Illinois, were held October 18.

Rev. Joe Kaisner and family, and many others from the Fairbury and Forrest Congregations visited us Sunday, October 19.

We had a blessed day Sunday, October 26, when four more souls were added to the fold in baptismal services conducted by Elders Geo. Yergler, Henry Kilgus, and Joshua Bro-

guard. Following this service we partook of the Lord's Supper. We had many visitors from various congregations.

Croghan, New York

Mr. and Mrs. John Mertz and Paul and Anna Mertz are spending some time in Phoenix, Arizona.

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer have moved into their home at Castorland.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester O'Brien met their daughter, Winifred, in Syracuse, New York, after spending a vacation in the West. She flew from Phoenix, Arizona.

Elder David Mangold held evening services October 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Farney and daughter spent the week-end of October 12 with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Virkler, at Ithaca, New York.

Funeral services for Mrs. Katharine Yoder, 78, were held at the Naumberg Church by Elder Philip Beyer on October 18.

Sunday, October 19, we had baptismal services at the Naumberg Church. In the evening we had communion service at the Croghan Church. Elder Philip Beyer was assisted by Elder John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut. Rev. Charles Ballasy and other visitors from Union City, New Jersey, and Rockville, Connecticut, were also present.

We are glad to have four more converts announced for baptism.

Burlington, Oklahoma

The dedication of the church at Burlington, Oklahoma, was held Sunday, October 26, with Elder Noah Schrock delivering the dedication sermon. We held Holy Communion. It was a most blessed day, one we shall never forget. After the services, a pot-luck dinner was served to the many guests.

The sudden passing of our dear Brother Sam Miller is a great loss to our community. He was very active in church and Sunday School, serving many years as a song leader and as superintendent of Sunday School for twenty-five years. Our sympathy goes out to his family and all those who were associated with him. A

host of relatives and friends from a distance were here.

Rev. Gus Sinn and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart, and Wayne Miller from Ft. Scott, Kansas, were visiting here October 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevig and David from Gridley, Illinois, visited friends in this community recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geleichman and family, Mrs. Mary Gleichman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schrock, and Miss Caroline Lehman of Harper, Kansas, visited our community, October 26.

An election was held Sunday, October 26, for a superintendent of Sunday School. Brother Richard Schupbach was elected by majority. We wish him God's Grace in his new undertaking.

Elgin, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen and their daughter and son-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wiegand visited the Rockville Church October 12. They also went to Union City, New Jersey; New York City; Niagara Falls; and Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schambach have a baby son since October 27. Mrs. Schambach is the former Dorothy Anliker.

Quite a number of friends and members of Elgin enjoyed the program in the Chicago Church Sunday, October 19.

Raymond Steffen and wife, the former Lucille Getz of Remington, who were married in Remington October 5, are at home at 659 Lillie St., Elgin, Illinois.

Quite a number of Elgin folks attended the Miller-Pfister wedding in Roanoke, October 26.

Isabelle Geyer of Francisville is living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidgal. She is working in the watch factory.

Mansfield, Ohio

Elders Samuel Aeschliman, Eli Dotterer, and Rudolf Graf were here Saturday, September 27. Eli Dotterer left Saturday night to attend a funeral at Latty, Ohio, on Sunday. Samuel Aeschliman and Rudolf Graf stayed over Sunday and officiated at communion service.

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Thanksgiving

Andrew Nussbaum

"I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify him with thanksgiving."—Ps. 69:30.

This is the month that brings us "Thanksgiving Day." Well did the early Pilgrims, coming to our shores, perceive that man has a duty toward his Maker. To perform this duty faithfully must ever be man's foremost thought. To a child of God, Thanksgiving shall not return only once a year, but each day shall be a Thanksgiving Day, for

"The goodness of the LORD is new every morning."

"The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD."

"Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."

"How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! therefore, the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings."

"Thy lovingkindness is better than life."

These are but a few of the testimonies given by those who knew because they had found it so. I cannot think of anything that has a more ennobling and enriching influence upon the soul than to put into practice the prayer of David, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

How does the average man tax his memory with things of little value—with things which bring him an abundance of grief and harm. They take their blessings here so much as a matter of fact, that even a day of general thanksgiving once in a year is more than they feel any need. And if their personal blessings in any measure fail, gratitude for what they have had or still enjoy is the last thing of which they think.

How different with a thankful heart! What a gift it is to be born with an outlook towards the bright side of life. What a profound, what a fruitful work it is to bring into remembrance the benefits we receive of God. We are thankful for the material things which have been shared unto us during this past year; we are

thankful for the religious freedom which we enjoy in our land, especially when we consider the millions in foreign lands who are deprived of even the necessities of life, and gradually are being brought unto the yoke of slavery; and last but not least, we are thankful for this precious faith which was once delivered unto the saints. If our eyes are trained and employed to count the benefits and gifts which God presents to us, they will pass before our eyes like an endless army whose number no man can count!

Let, therefore, Thanksgiving teach us to be truly thankful; learn to count some of the benefits of God, and add to the number the new ones. This was the aim of David when he spoke to himself prayerfully, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." It is so much more comfortable and rational to see what we have to be thankful for and to rejoice accordingly, than to have our vision filled with our lacks and our needs. Happy are they who possess this gift! Blessings may fail and fortunes vary, but the thankful heart remains. The happy past at least is secure and heaven is ahead.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY

By Henry Beer

The pilgrim left a foreign strand
And sailed across the main.
And landed on New England's shore
That faith they might retain.

Some day the first thanksgiving day
The pilgrims did ordain,
Was when they offered thanks and praise
For life and food and grain.

It was a day of gratitude
When stormy voyage was o'er,
When they had landed safely there
On cold New England's shore.

The rolling sea behind them lay,
Before them, trees of pine.
With thankful hearts they knelt in prayer
And praised God's help divine.

The Pilgrims marked the Plymouth Rock
Where they had knelt to pray.
And still it stands memorial of
That first Thanksgiving Day.

"WHAT HAVE WE DONE TODAY?"

We shall do so much in the years to come, but what have we done today?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,

We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer,

But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after-while,

But what have we been today?

We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,

But what have we brought today?

We shall give to truth a grander birth,

And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,

We shall feed the hungry souls of earth,

But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the by-and-by,

But what have we sown today?

We shall build us mansions in the sky,

But what have we built today?

'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,
But here and now do we do our task!

Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,

"What have we done today?"

—Author Unknown

In his autobiography, Norman Hapgood tells of hearing a Negro minister who had placed a sign in front of his church announcing that he would answer Robert Ingersoll who had recently lectured in the town on "The Mistakes of Moses." Said the minister: "Brethren and sistern, I'm not goin' to say anything against Col. Ingersoll. I might compare his character with the character of Moses, but I will not do that. But when you think whether these things happened as Moses says, or did not happen, as Col. Ingersoll says, I ask you to remember jes' exactly one thing: Moses was there and Col. Ingersoll wasn't." —The Chaplain.

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harmonious blending, which stands for PEACE, GRACE, and TRUTH. Likewise a RIGHT DIVISION OF THE WORD OF TRUTH, like the rainbow of the sky, reveals and displays its many hidden glories of truths, of justice, and mercy, of abounding grace and infinite love, of reconciliation and perfect peace, of salvation to the uttermost, in a righteousness that is whiter than snow, a liberty that is glorious and a life that is unending, ALL IN A MOST HARMONIOUS BLENDING.

The Lord willing and helping us, we will endeavor, as stated above, by a "RIGHT DIVISION" of the Word of our text in Mark 16, trace and place the same into its right, and harmonious, and God glorifying dispensational setting, in an article to follow.

(To be continued)

Don't live tomorrow until tomorrow comes, but just live moment by moment, hour by hour.

We are building every day

In a good or evil way,
And the structure as it grows,
Will our inmost self disclose,
Build it well, what'er you do,
Build it straight, and strong, and true.

Build it clean and high and broad
Build it for the eye of God.

Whisper your trouble, your sin and your sorrow to Jesus. He understands and He cares.

DIVINE IMPERATIVES

1. "Ye must be born again" (John 3:3-5).

2. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (II Cor. 5:10).

3. "So must thou bear witness also at Rome" (Acts 23:11).

4. "They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

5. "And he must needs go through Samaria" (John 4:4).—**C. S. Zimmerman.**

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. If Moses, the meekest man, sinned for lack of meekness; if David, one of the purest men, sinned for lack of purity; if Peter, the boldest of the apostles, sinned for lack of boldness; and if Abraham, the father of the faithful, sinned for lack of faithfulness, is it not wise to let God stand guard even at our strongest point of character?

Only God can see one's faith, and to demonstrate to men the reality of one's faith, works must be in evidence.

Let us take Abraham as an example. His willingness to offer Isaac was not a basis for his justification, but rather he demonstrated the faith he had in God. The leaves and fruit of a tree demonstrate the life of the tree; but the tree had to have life before the leaves or fruit could make an appearance.

World conditions are gradually becoming worse. Unprecedented trials stare us in the face. There is no possible escape and the whole cause is man's violent opposition to God and His Christ.

Prayer has accomplished some of the very greatest things in this world.

Hymn of the Month

Give Thanks Unto the Father

God of unlimited compassion,
Thou never ending fount of love!
With countless hosts in meek submission
We praise Thee now, O Lord above,
For grace and patience Thou hast shown
Ere this created world was known.

Let me in love live pure and holy
And keep me without spot or stain;
Grant that my heart be meek and lowly,
And may no idle joy or pain
E'er sever me from Thy great love
Until I find Thy rest above.

No death nor sorrow, fear nor suff'ring,
All that this world and hell includes,
Shall never part me from my Savior
Nor from His love and brotherhood.
I trust the God of faith and truth
With saints above my heart to soothe.

HOW I KNOW I'M SAVED**R. B. Brown**

How do I know I'm saved, dear friend?
Well, I tell you how I know,
My life was sinful, my heart was saddened,
Was filled with grief, and with woe;
But sorrow no longer lines my brow,
My heartaches were healed long ago;
My life belongs to my Saviour now,
I'm saved and that's how I know.

I thought I was happy and seemed content
On that sinful path I trod;
But I didn't know what happiness meant
Till I lived my life with God.
I looked for joy 'mid earthly strife,
Then from my sinful grave
He lifted me and gave new life.
That's how I know that I'm saved.

God's blessings come from Heaven above,
His treasures He willingly shares;
His grace, His glory, and His love.
As Christians we are His heirs.
To the sorrowing heart much joy He brings,
Peace to the heart filled with woe,
For He is the Giver of all good things,
I'm saved and that's how I know.

In the quiet evening when day is done,
I think of the Cross He bore.
I know some day when victory's won
I'll be with Him evermore.
Following Jesus all the way,
My path with blessings is paved;
I count them all at the end of the day,
That's how I know that I'm saved.

Christ's glorious Name I proudly bear,
A Christian faithful and true;
I'll live my life a constant prayer
That others might know Him, too.
He paid the price for all my sins
My life to Him I owe,
By His grace and love I'm saved in Him.
Yes, I'm saved, and that's how I know.

ETERNAL LIFE—HEAVEN!

Think of
Stepping on shore
And finding it heaven;
Of taking hold of a hand
And finding it God's hand;
Of breathing new air
And finding it celestial air;
Of feeling invigorated
And finding it immortality;
Of passing from storm and tempest
To an unknown calm;
Of waking up
And finding it Home!

—Selected

We are told to pray always, pray in the Spirit and watch with all perseverance.

NEWS

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Sunday, October 12, Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber of Latty visited here.

Mr. Hock died at the age of 82 years. The funeral was Saturday, October 18. Mr. Hock was the father of Mrs. Carl Blumenschein.

Mrs. Martin Arehart died Friday, October 17, at the age of 72 years. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Rudolf Graf and Rev. Forest Ritzman of Akron. Sister Arehart was the mother of Mrs. John Dapper of Maywood, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schneider of Remington visited relatives a few days.

Mr. Martin Arehart has gone to Maywood, California, to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Dapper.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bocka and Misses Edith and Amelia Matthes made a four-week trip through the West.

Miss Theresea Schneider has returned to Los Angeles, California, after spending a few months in Mansfield.

Fairbury, Illinois

Little James Ott, age four years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ott, was burned to death on Thursday evening, October 9, when flames of fire kept him from escaping. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 12, with Elder Joshua Broguard officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leman, Marie and Richard Leman, and Katharine Huber attended the wedding of Miss Nancy Wuethrich and William Klopfenstein at Francesville on October 5.

Rev. Alexander Stoller is home from the Fairbury Hospital where he underwent a major operation. He is improving very nicely.

Mrs. Lydia Wiedman has been absent from Sunday School for the past few Sundays. She is confined to her home because she has been very ill; but has improved slightly.

Peoria, Illinois

Funeral services for our departed sister, Mrs. Fred Schafer, were conducted by Elder Emil Schubert on October 18. She is survived by her husband, six sons, and two daughters. Her maiden name was Martha Goetzinger.

The engagement of Miss Clara Feldman, daughter of Sam Feldman, and Lawrence Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman of Eureka, was made known here on October 5. The wedding will take place November 23.

On October 26 our members partook of the Lord's Supper.

Merton, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Getz and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Altorfer of Peoria, Illinois, were vacationing in the West. They planned to spend Sunday, October 19, at Maywood, California.

While Mrs. Gottlieb Aupperle had been failing in health for some time, her sudden death came as a severe shock to the family.

The marriage of Verna Belsley of Morton and Francis Rother of Tremont took place October 19. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Getz. After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride. They plan to make their future home at Morton.

Roanoke, Illinois

The engagement of Helen Hodel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel, of Roanoke and William Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Leman, of Eureka, was revealed Sunday, September 28, at the Roanoke Church. The couple plan an early spring wedding.

Pearl Pfister and Bob Miller were married Sunday, October 26. They left on a honeymoon in the East immediately after their reception.

Sunday, October 12, the Roanoke Sunday School was host to the various Sunday Schools in their group. Morton, Gridley, Princeville, and Roanoke were in attendance.

Announcement was made Sunday, October 5, of the engagement of Ruth Minger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Minger, and Warren Hodel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodel, both of Roanoke. They plan to be married the first part of the year.

Lawrence Zimmerman of Roanoke and Clare Feltman of Peoria have chosen November 23 as their wedding day. Their engagement was announced October 5.

Francesville, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hild have safely returned to their home in Tul-

lare, California, Route 2, after spending four weeks here with her parents, Conrad Gutweins. Bro. Andrew is confined to a wheel chair as a result of an automobile accident seventeen months ago. May we suggest a card shower for him from our Brotherhood and also friends. We know this will bring him great joy and comfort.

Joe and Esther Gray and Wendell Gudeman were baptized Sunday, September 30. Bros. Henry Kilgus and George Yergler were with us. Bro. Henry Beer held evening services.

Wm. Klopfenstein, Jr. and Nancy Wuethrich were married October 5, by Bro. Sam Aeschliman.

Herman Schlatter and Viola Huber were married October 19, by Elder George Yergler.

Paulie Von Tobel, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Jr., received a severe head injury, resulting from a fall. He was confined to the hospital for seven days. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

The Bremen Sunday School invited our Sunday School to spend the Sunday of October 26 with them. We wish to take this opportunity to again thank them for all the love and kindness shown us.

"Two things fill the mind with ever new and increasing wonder and awe; the more frequently and perseveringly reflection busies itself therewith—the star strewn Heaven above me, and the moral law within."—Kant.

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